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**2024**  
**Inductees**



The Helena Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 consists of 13 individuals in four categories, and nine teams. Individuals were selected from a pool of 115 nominations, voted on by an anonymous 20-person selection committee on a points system. Teams are inducted in chronological order based on when their State, Regional or National championships were won.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place Thursday, July 11, at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel Ballroom. This is the HSHOF's 12th class of inductees dating back to 2003. There are now 147 individuals and 76 teams enshrined in the Hall.

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# Casey (Chilton) Molloy

## Golden Athlete

By Curt Synness

Casey (Chilton) Molloy was Helena High's first female MHSA sanctioned State track champion, winning the 100- and 220-yard dash titles in 1972. Chilton's time of 11.2 seconds in the 100 tied the all-class record, while her 25.8 in the 220 was a new AA mark.

As a sophomore during the 1971 Southwestern meet in Dillon, Casey swept the two short sprints while leading Helena to its first-ever girl's division title. Other Lady Bengal winners were Mari Nelson in the 80-yard hurdles, and 100-meter hurdles; Karen Sloan in the 440 run; Barb Heaney, Dallas Parriman, Karen Balderson and Chilton in the 440 relay; and discus thrower Ellen Grover.



At State, Casey finished third in the 220, and fourth in both the 100 dash and 440 relay. In the century, after the top-two finishers, three gals were timed with identical 11.9s in a photo finish. Meet officials determined that Rhonda Trask (Lewistown), Chilton and Shirley Chesterfield (Butte) took 3-4-5. Also making All-State for HHS was Nelson, in the 80 hurdles.

At the 1972 State Meet in Billings, one of the closest races in the annals of Montana prep history took place in the 100 finals, with the top five runners being separated by a mere tenth of a second. After seven false starts (although no one DQed with two), Chilton and Lonie Ryan (Missoula Hellgate) were both timed in 11.2, with the long-striding Lady Bengal junior out-leaning her for the title. And again, the next three sprinters tied (this time at 11.3) with Chesterfield repeating her fifth-place ribbon.

Casey was also part of the third-place 440 relay quartet (with Parriman, Laurie Keeler and Sloan), getting the stick around in a 50.5, faster than the old state record. Helena's 880 medley relay unit of Keeler, Sloan, Kathy Knott and Renee Hamer finished runner-up.

Nelson earned third and fifth-place ribbons, in both hurdles, with Shirley Johnson claiming fourth in the discus, and quarter-miler Sloan taking fifth. Co-coaches Jude Gleason and Judy (Nagengast) Blenkarn's red-and-white tracksters tied Hellgate for third-place, with 24 points apiece, but the tiebreaker placed them fourth since MH had more first-places.

As a senior, Chilton pulled a hamstring doing splits with the Bengalettes and was sidelined early in the season. At the 1973 Western AA Divisional Meet, Helena qualified a school-record 17 tracksters for State, but settled for second-place behind 5-time meet champion Kalispell, 87-75.

The Lady Bengals won four events, including Hamer in the 440 and Lee Harrison in the 220; and the 440 (Lyanne Bunkowski, Denise Cross, Harrison and Chilton), and 880 medley (Cross, Luebeck, Hamer, Chilton) relays.

Finishing runners-up were Nelson (80 and 110y hurdles), Joy Whitney (440), Marilou Blandy (880), Becky Robertson (high jump), and Bunkowski & Judy Myles (long jump, tie). Casey placed third in both sprints.

The HHS Lady Bengals repeated their fourth-place showing from the year before, scoring 35 points. Flathead's juggernaut outdistanced second-place West, 57-42, the Bravettes' fourth State title in five years.

Chilton collected her third career State crown, on the 880 medley relay squad (with Renee Hamer, Luebeck and Denise Cross), in 1:53.3, for a new school record. Competing with a sore hammy, she was still able claimed fourth in the 220 and fifth in the 100, completing her third year placing in both events. Casey was part of the State runner-up 440 relay quartet (with Bunkowski, Cross and Harrison) as well, just 2/10ths second out of first, despite a couple bad exchanges.

Also finishing second were Becky Robertson in the high jump, placing runner-up with a new HHS mark of 5-2, and long jumper Bunkowski (16-6½). Rounding out the Lady Bengal All-Staters were Mari Nelson, Blandy, Hamer, Myles, Harrison and Marie Bone

The 5-foot-8 Chilton was described by one opposing coach as having "the long, graceful stride of a racehorse." Her school records of 11 career State medals, and (converted) 100 and 220 times lasted for two decades.

"Years later, I learned from one of Butte's old-timers, that during the rivalry between Casey and I, the guys in the stands would make bets on who would win," former CHS coach Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton told yours truly.

Ironically, Casey's daughter Caitlyn, a Helena High hurdler/sprinter, competed against Chesterfield-Stanton's Lady Bruin tracksters 30 years later. And both women have been intricately involved with the Helena Sports Hall of Fame – Molloy as a former two-time president, and "Chester" as the current HSHOF prez.

# Callie (Sparing) Harberts

## Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness

A talented, multi-sport athlete, as a young teenager Callie Sparing's passions consisted of volleyball, basketball, softball, swimming, water skiing, Capital High's DOTS program and weight lifting.

"Callie was an incredible athlete," remembers her softball coach, Mike Miller. "Her work ethic in all the sports helped her become our first player to make All-State in three different sports."

On the hardwood her junior year, she served as the Lady Bruins starting basketball guard. The 5'9" Sparing led the team in scoring, averaging 9.3 points per game, and was selected honorable mention All-Conference.

In 1998, she upped her output to 12.1 ppg, with a game-highs of 26 points. But her strong point was her versatile, all-around play of all facets of the game.

At the Class AA Tournament, when CHS defeated Missoula Big Sky 46-42 in overtime, it was the program's first win at State in seven years. Callie was named to the All-Tournament's second team.

She finished the season leading the Bru-Crew in scoring, rebounding (5.1 apg), assists (4.0), steals (2.9) and 3-point shooting. Callie was selected a 1998 first team All-Stater and was later chosen for the Montana-Wyoming All-Star hoops series.

In volleyball, she helped the 1998 squad to the State championship. At the AA Tournament in Carroll's PE Center, the brown-and-gold spikers came through the loser's bracket to reach the finals against No. 1 seed Billings Senior.

After winning the first set, in the finals' opening game Callie ripped off a 4-point serving run that broke a 10-all tie and sparked a 15-11 win. The Lady Bru captured the next game, but Senior took the next two to tied it up at 2s.

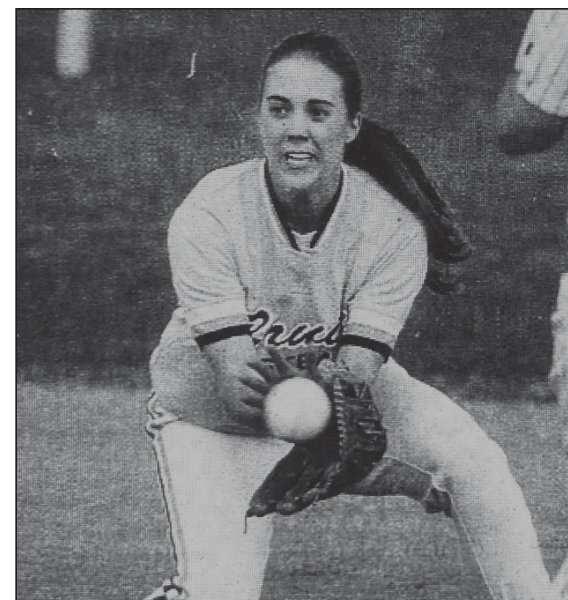
In the final's chipper, after falling behind 11-5, the brown-and-gold rallied – sparked by Amy Agostinelli's serving and the overall play of Carrie Damschen, Marcie Dickey, Suzanne Krings, Marshall Moy and Sparing – for a 15-12 victory and the school's first State VB crown. Callie was selected honorable mention All-Conference outside hitter.

Early on the next season as a senior, she had a monster performance against Kalispell, spiking 22 kills and posting a school-record 24 digs.

She went on to earn a 1999 second team All-State citation, in addition to CHS volleyball's Patty Bennett Award. She wound-up with lifetime totals of 67 aces, 540 digs and 469 kills.

"Callie was a smart player and knew when to change her attack," Mike Burk, her VB coach, related. "She was very focused and always played her best under pressure when it mattered most. And...Callie always played hard but had fun doing it."

On the diamond, Callie played third base and pitched her sophomore year. She was moved to second base in 1998, winning the team batting



title with a cool .372 average and leading the team with 29 hits and 21 runs. She was selected the Bru-crew's Offensive MVP to go along with her All-State selection.

Sparing produced numerous multi-hit games during the year. In the second crosstown game, a 5-3 win, she scored twice. In the third inning, Callie singled, stole second and third, and raced home on the errant throw.

The Conference runner-up Lady Bruins (16-4, 10-2) went 1-2 at State. In the quarterfinals, she went 2-5 (2B, 2 runs) in the 3-2, 10-inning win over Kalispell.

Her final season, now playing shortstop, she batted well over .300, again with numerous multi-hit games. In a mid-season three-game tear against Sentinel, Big Sky and Bozeman, she batted .700, highlighted by a 3-3 against the Lady Hawks with a triple and two ribbies. CHS went 2-2 at State, with Callie batting .357.

She capped off her time at CHS with a second team All-Conference citation, and left with a school career record of 55 runs scored while ranking no. 2 with 68 hits.

"Callie could play any position, and was very good in all facets of the game," coach Miller said. "But I feel that her best assets were her competitiveness and leadership – our players all looked up to her."

In 2004 between college and dental school she came back and volunteer coached with the program for a season.

In her four seasons with the Rocky Mountain College cagers – the last 2½ as a starter – arguably her best year came as junior, when she led the team in scoring at 12 ppg, and garnered 2002 first team All-Frontier Conference.

Her senior year, when RMC defeated Carroll 77-71 in the opening round of the Frontier Conference playoffs, Sparing poured in 25 points, with 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Her 2003 post-season awards included HM All-Conference, the DeRosier Award as Athlete of the Year, and NAIA Academic All-American. For her college career, she amassed 922 points.

Since then Callie (Sparing) Harberts has taken up long distance running, having completed 3 Chicago Marathons and numerous half-marathons.

# Charles "Chuck" Fred

## Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness

Chuck Fred was Capital High's first State track champion, and their first State runner-up in cross country. Chuck's winning time of 4:21.1 in the 1978 mile run, on a cinder track, converts to 4:19.5 for 1600 meters, which still stands as a CHS record. In cross country, he helped lead the Bruins to back-to-back State titles.

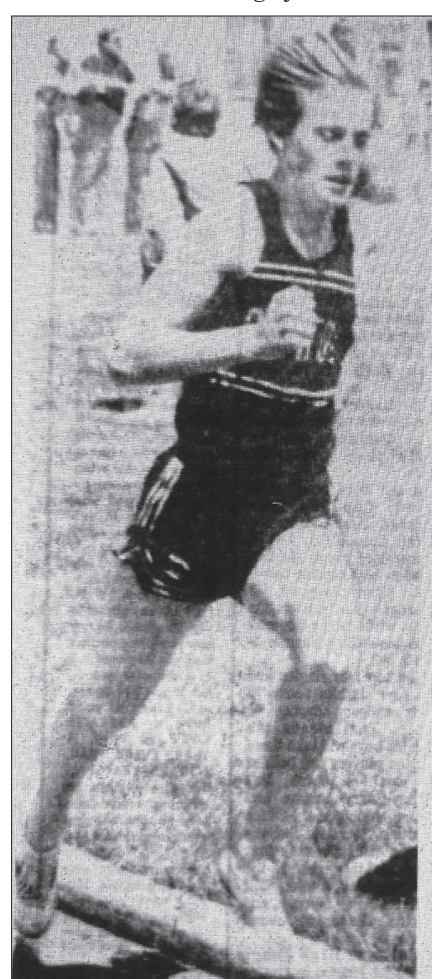
As a freshman harrier, Chuck came in 23rd at the 1975 State Meet in Great Falls, while defending champion CHS placed third due to the tiebreaker.

In 1976, Chuck helped pace Capital's State X-country championship at Bill Roberts GC. The brown-and-gold used a "pack technique" to bring home the title, edging runner-up Billings West, 84-93.

John Sodja and Chuck were the team's top-2 runners, placing 13th and 14th at 16:08 and 16:11 over the 3-mile course, with Fred's finishing kick moving him up three places from 17th in the last half-mile.

That following spring as a sophomore trackster, Chuck swept the Crosstown Meet's mile and 2-mile runs. He qualified for State in the 2-mile, and then placed seventh at The Show.

His junior year, at the intra-city cross country event, he hooked up in a duel with HHS' Ed Maronick. The two guys ran shoulder-to-



shoulder until breaking into a sprint for the finish with 300 yards to go. Chuck pulled away for a 5-second victory, breaking the city record with a time of 15:55.8.

At State in Great Falls, the Bruins successfully defended their title, out-distancing runner-up Hellgate 68-85, propelled by Chuck Fred's runner-up finish in 16:15. "Chuck

ran a fantastic race, a very smart race," coach Joe Spieker said. CHS placed five in the top-25, with Keith Capps 9th) and Jeff Thomas in (10th) making All-State.

On the track that spring, Chuck broke the Crosstown Meet mile record, while placing second in the two-mile. At the 1978 Divisionals, he captured the mile in 4:29.39 and took third in the deuce.

The next weekend at the Class AA Meet in Missoula, Fred garnered the school's first State track & field championship. After the first lap, he was about 3-seconds behind the leaders, but "That's where I wanted to be," he told the IR post-race. "I just wanted to stay in it close enough to get there at the end if I had a chance."

At the start of the third lap, another runner cut in front of him and forced him to break stride, "nearly forcing him off the track," although he managed to maintain his position.

Chuck started his kick with about 330-yards to go, outracing the two leaders, Great Falls High's Dave Phelps and Kelly Tuck, to the wire. He broke the tape at 4:21.1, with the two Bison close behind at 4:21.8. He also placed runner-up in the 2-mile, at 9:43.7, while accounting for 10 of Capital's 11 points.

His senior cross country season, Fred retained his Xtown title. Capital placed third at the State Meet, as did Chuck, in 16:08, three-seconds behind second. His 42 points in four State Harrier Meets was the Bru-crew's lowest mark for many years.

That spring on the track, Fred three-peated in the intra-city mile, and captured his second 2-mile victory, with a meet record 10:08.6. At Divisionals, he won the mile in a Vigilante Stadium record 4:24.0, and placed runner-up in the 2-mile.

Chuck then closed out his prep career at the 1979 State T&F Meet in Billings, finishing second in both the 2-mile with a PR of 9:41.9, and the mile at 4:22.2.

Chuck's 2-mile converts to 9:37.9 for 3200 meters, which lasted as a CHS record for more than two decades. And his converted time for the mile still stands as the school standard after 45 years, although Rowdy Sargeson posted a 4:20.50 in the 1600 in 1999.

All-told, Fred finished with six top-3 medals at State Meets (four in track, two in x-country), and 10 varsity letters (four each in track and cross country, two in basketball).

At Montana State University, Chuck established three Bobcat indoor records; the 1000 yards in 2:14.2, 1000 meters in 2:24.6 and with the distance medley relay. He also set the 1500 standard of 3:58.1.

"Chuck Fred was born in a pair of running shoes," Spieker related recently. "His dad Lanny, his mom Sharon (Skor), his sister Vicki and brother Lance were all runners. The competitiveness was in his genes, and I'm sure after Chuck finished our workouts, he received additional running education at home."

## Julie (Brown) Petre Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness

Julie Brown was the first local female Montana Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year, while achieving a then Helena High record of six All-State seasons (four in track & field and two in basketball) from 1988-92.

She left the school with eight total State championships (three individual track, three track relays, and two basketball team titles), and set four combined HHS records.

A 5'10" post player, Julie led the Lady Bengals in rebounding all three of her hardcourt seasons. As a sophomore, Helena tied for the Western Conference title and was ranked No. 4 going into State. They were edged in the Class AA Tournament consolation finals by Billings West 49-46 to place fourth.

Brown was the team's No. 2 scorer, averaging 9 points per game, and selected honorable mention All-Conference.

In 1990, she did not miss a shot in a contest versus Great Falls High, and set the school field goal accuracy record for a game (which still stands), going 9-for-9 from the floor and making all three free throws for 21 points. Another mark she held was 8 stelas in a game.

HHS captured the Division crown with an 11-1 record in league play, and went into the State Tourney riding a 6-game win streak.

At State in Butte, the Lady Bengals opened with wins over Billings Skyview and CM Russell to reach the finals. They then defeated Flathead High 57-41 in the chipper, spearheaded by Brown's 21 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Amy Mouat, Cyndie Lockett and Katy Downs joined her on the All-Tournament team. The champs wound-up at 21-2 for the year.

Julie was again the second-leading scorer on the club, with a 12.0 average, and selected a 1990 All-Stater.

Her senior year, in Conference runner-up Helena's play-off win over No. 7 Capital to get to State, she poured in a career-high 25 points. The red-and-white (22-2) then successfully defended its title at the AA Tourney in Great Falls. They first defeated Skyview and Bozeman, before handling CMR 79-50 in the championship tilt for their 16th consecutive victory and the repeat. Brown fired in 24 points, spearing eight boards and pirating seven steals.

She retained her berths on the 1991 All-Tourney (15.7 ppg) and All-State teams, while pacing the Lady Bengals in scoring (13.2 ppg), rebounding (8.1 average) and steals (94). For her career, Julie netted 808 points and collected 557 rebounds, ranking No. 3 and No. 2 on the school's all-time lists. Her 253 lifetime steals still stands second.

When the 1990 team was inducted into the Helena Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, during his acceptance speech Coach Keller told the audience, "Julie and I had a 'Love-Hate' relationship...I loved her, and she hated me."



A four-year track & field letterman, at the State Meet as a freshman, she captured the 1600 run crown with a PR of 5:16.84, and placed runner-up in the 800, being nipped at the wire by just 1/100th second.

In 1990, Julie swept the Class AA's 800, with a PR of 2:19.28, and 1600 championships, while helping the winning 1600 relay to an HHS record 4:00.05. Her junior year, she won the same three races at both the Skor-Dekam Invite, being named the meet's "Outstanding Performer;" and at the Crosstown vs. CHS, setting meet records in both the 800 run and 1600 relays.

Julie helped the Lady Bengals to the 1991 State runner-up trophy that spring, just 3-points shy of the title, while medaling in the 800 (second) and 1600 (third), and with the championship 1600 relay.

As a senior in 1992, she captured her fourth consecutive Intra-city 800 title, and later helped the team to the third-place trophy at State, again medaling in the 800 and 1600. She capped off her career with their third straight Class AA 4x400 relay title. During the course of her four years at HHS – with running mates like Jeannie Berthiaume, Willow Bellwood, Sarah Dudley, Jolene Troglia and Heather Lewis – the 1600 relay crews went undefeated.

Brown tied the HHS career record of 11 All-State medals, and set a new mark of 55½ points scored at State.

"Julie was a consummate team leader," recalled six-time State champion Sarah Dudley-Baus. "She put in all the work, never complained, and was a rock under the pressure of competition. We always knew that Julie was a dependable teammate and competitor."

At Montana State University from 1993-97, Julie Brown (Petre) is a member of the Lady Bobcats' 500-rebound club, with 506 lifetime boards. As a junior, Julie swiped 75 steals. (No. 10 on the MSU's all-time season list), averaged 13 points and was selected first team 1996 All-Big Sky Conference.

## Kim Hurley Golden Athlete

By Curt Synness

A three-year Helena Senators Legion baseball player, Kim Hurley ranks among the best hitters in program history. He twice captured the team batting title, with a .405 average in 1971 and .433 in 1972 (with a wood bat). Kim played on two State runner-up teams while garnering the 1972 State Tournament MVP with a .585 average.

In PeeWee League, Kim's 1965 Angels won the City championship with two straight victories over the Pirates under the lights at Legion Field. In 1968, Hurley was a catcher on Exchange's C/Pony-League title team, which defeated Civitans 2 games to 1.



With the series tied at 1-win each, in the chipper with the bases loaded, 14-year old Kim Hurley gave local baseball fans a glimpse of the future. He went 3 for 4 and bounced a shot off the wall with a 3-run triple, to help spark the 9-5 victory.

After a successful campaign with the Reps in 1969, Kim made the Senators. He played the outfield, while older brother Pat held down third base.

Among the Hurley brother's highlights was a combined 7 for 13 effort versus Butte, with both guys both lacing triples. Kim went 4-5 (4 RBIs) and Pat was 3-6 (3 runs).

In the opener at State, Kim went 4-5, with two homers, a double, three runs, four RBIs and a stolen base, while sparking a 9-1 win over Anaconda. Helena was later edged by the Billings Royals in the nail-biting finals, 11-10, settling for the second-place trophy and finishing at 41-16.

Kim batted .375 (9-24) with two doubles, four taters, nine runs and 11 RBIs, in the tourney, while "making half a dozen outstanding defensive plays in the outfield," according to the IR.

On the season, he hit .319, paced the club with 49 RBIs and earned Rookie of the Year honors.

The next season, Kim was moved to the Hot Corner, and topped the squad in at least seven offensive categories, including batting average, hits (78), RBIs (60), doubles (18), and triples (5). The 1971 Senators (30-21) qualified for State, where they went 1-2.

In 1972, Helena (43-6, 17-3) entered the State Tourney in Miles City as Eastern Division champions. The Senators boasted six players batting over .325, led by three guys at .400-plus; Hurley at .433, second baseman Paul "Paco" Martello's .419 and left fielder Randy Rucker at .407.

They also had a couple of 11-game winners on the mound; pitching aces Vic Kelley (11-1, 1.64 ERA, 116 strikeouts) and Bill Chambers (11-1, 2.94 ERA).

At State, Helena won their first two games for their 13th successive victory. Then came a heart-breaking 3-2 loss to the Electrics in the semi's, despite a 4-hit effort by Hurley, which included two doubles and a triple.

But the Senators bounced back with wins over the Royals 10-9, and 2-0 over Great Falls. Since the Electrics were in the Cat-Bird seat, it boiled down to a "Race to 1" for the title, which was captured by GF, 9-6.

Kim's sizzling .585 average in the tourney earned him "State Tournament MVP." Teammates making the All-Star group were Martello, Andy Tucci at shortstop and pitcher Bruce Abbott.

Hurley's .433 average – the team's highest in 14 years – garnered his second Early Tucker trophy. He also led the club with a team-record 23 doubles and 6 triples, while sporting a .711 percentage for extra-base hits.

The 1972 Senators program records included most wins (47-8), winning percentage (.854) and team batting average (.338).

For his three-years of varsity Legion, Hurley compiled a career .382 batting average and amassed 222 hits, with 49 doubles and 17 triples, while registering 161 RBIs.

At Scottsdale Community College, his soph year he batted .385, was selected second team All-Conference, and helped the Drovers qualify for the 1974 National Junior College World Series. Drafted by the California Angels, Hurley instead played his final two seasons in the PAC 10 with Division I Oregon State University, where a nagging knee injury ended his career.

"Kim was a self-motivated, hard-nosed player," recalled former teammate Paul Martello, who set the team wooden-bat home run record with seven. "He would do whatever was needed to help the team win. Kim was a good leader for all to look up to, and a great teammate."

## Monica (Grimsrud) Smith Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness

Monica Grimsrud, a versatile four-sport athlete, she helped lead Helena High to its first State volleyball championship and was selected the Montana Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year. She collected 11 varsity letters and earned six All-State citations, three of which came in the same school-year.

In college, Monica was a rare All-Conference player in two sports, with MSU-Billings. A 4-time All-GNAC spiker, she named the Yellowjackets Volleyball Player of the Decade.

A 6-foot-1 middle blocker, she finished her sophomore volleyball regular season with team-highs of .305 kills percentage and 84 blocks, and was selected 2008 second team All-State middle hitter. The Lady Bengals captured the Western AA championship, placed fourth at State and finished 18-7.

In 2009, Grimsrud registered 27 kills and 5 blocks in the season-opening win over 4-time defending State champion Billings Senior, when HHS handed the Lady Broncs their first loss in three years.

In late October, Monica was overcome with a season-ending malady diagnosed as thoracic outlet syndrome. At the time she was leading the state in hitting percentage and blocks, and was still selected first team All-State.

Grimsrud underwent surgery which consisted of removing her rib and pulling blood clots from her arteries. Five weeks later she was back on the hardcourt and scored a game-high 19 points in the cage win over Hellgate.

As a senior, the VB season curtain-raiser consisted of sweeping Senior and West for the first time in Lady Bengal history. Monica's match highs that year included a school-record 29 match kills (three times), 8 blocks, 18 digs and 4 service aces.

After Conference runner-up HHS beat Bozeman in the 2010 State Tournament opener, the red-and-white came back from a 2-0 deficit in the quarterfinals to upset No. 1 seed Billings West 3-2, powered by Grimsrud's 29 kills and 5 blocks. They then swept Glacier (3-0) in the semi's and West (3-0) in the chipper for the title, for an overall mark of 24-3.

Grimsrud produced 11 matches of 20-or-more kills during the season, while garnering her third straight All-State spiker selection. She wound up with 605 kills and 131 blocks, both Helena season records, along with 312 digs, 67 service aces and a .412 kill percentage. Her 359 career blocks was a new team standard, as well.

She was the second of three straight Lady Bengals named Montana VB Gatorade Player of the Year, between the Williams sisters, Kelsey (2009) and Kyndal (2011). "It's really cool to follow in Kelsey's footsteps," Grimsrud told the paper. "It just shows what kind of power we've had here at Helena High."

Two weeks later she was chosen as the IR's Female Athlete of the Year.

In roundball, she led the red-and-white



hoopsters in scoring and rebounding each of her final three seasons. Her soph year she averaged 10.2 points and 5.7 boards and was chosen second team All-Conference. In 2010, she posted 9.5 points and 6.1 rebounds averages, while becoming a 2010 All-Stater.

As a senior cager, she scored 12.7 ppg and speared 7.5 rpg, in addition to registering 55 steals and 42 blocked shots. At the two games at State, she averaged 15 points and 7 rebounds, and was selected honorable mention All-Tourney, prior to her second basketball All-State citation.

Her final three seasons she averaged of 10.9 points and 6.4 boards. She was named co-MVP of the Treasure State All-Star hoops classic, helping the South the tourney title while averaging 17 points in the two games.

The spring of 2011 saw Monica claim her fourth letter in track & field (both hurdles, the long relay) and gain her third All-State honor that school year. With Callie Kanthack, Kaitlyn Oliver and Allison Morrison, Helena's State runner-up 1600 relay, got the stick around in 3:59.95.

Grimsrud's fourth sport was fastpitch softball, at which she pitched and played shortstop for the youth ASA teams Helena Thunder and Montana Madness.

Rounding her prep accolades were the Pat Donovan Award, the East-West Senior All-Star volleyball game, and the Hi-Line Basketball Invitational Tournament, making its All-Star team.

As a true freshman at MSU-Billings, on Nov. 13, 2011, Monica played in both of the Yellowjackets' basketball (Chadron State) and volleyball (Seattle Pacific) games...on the same day. Her senior cage year she averaged 10.3 ppg and was selected 2016 honorable mention All-Conference.

Grimsrud went on to garner All-GNAC volleyball selections each year – first team in 2013, second team in 2011, and honorable mention in 2011 (Conference Freshman of the Year) and '14. She finished No. 3 on the school's career kills list with 1361 kills, and was selected the Yellowjackets Player of the Decade.

Post graduation, Monica (Grimsrud) Smith served as Billings West's head coach from 2019-21.

## Dave Thennis Coach



By Curt Synness and J.J. Lamb

During Dave Thennis' 20-year career as the Helena Senators' Legion baseball head coach, he amassed a lifetime record of 656-522 for a .557 winning percentage, while averaging 33 wins a year. Dave's teams posted 17 seasons at .500 or better, with 16 State Tournament qualifications.

Among the many highlights of his tenure from 1998-2017, were three successive State AA Legion championships, from 2001-03. When the Senators captured the State title in 2001, it was only the second American Legion baseball crown in local history, and the first in 33 years, since 1968.

(For more details on these three titles, see the profiles on the 2001-03 Helena Legion clubs in the team inductee section of this insert)

But equally as important as the championships and all the wins (and losses, too) were the hundreds of teenagers who went through the local American Legion program that his influence helped become successful young men.

"Dave's coaching style got us excited to play at higher levels, and his enthusiasm extended into us as players, allowing us to compete with a chip on our shoulders," related former Senator Colter Sternhagen, who set the state record of 21 regular season home runs in 2011. "He guided many teams of young men through tough, long, time-consuming seasons, teaching us how to earn that gritty fighting spirit"

Seth O'Connell, a member of the 2001-02 title clubs and later the team's pitching coach, described how Thennis has been "a lifelong" role model for him, as a player, coach and teacher.

"What makes Dave such a great leader is his character and integrity," said O'Connell, who taught at Montana City Elementary for 8 years. "What makes him such a great leader is his character and integrity.

"Coach Thennis' approach to coaching was always about putting the kids and organization first, without any ego. He made me a better player and helped shape the man I am today."

A few of the team's other achievements under Thennis were four Keith Sell Invitational titles, in 1999, 2003, 2015 and 2016. His 1999 squad broke the 1972 program team batting average record of .338, with a lofty .350 BA, and the 2016 club won 36 ballgames.

Several other significant accomplishments were the 2009 club, setting the team batting average record .372, while finishing at 42-17; the 2007 Senators batted .325; and the 2010 nine set a program mark of 14 consecutive victories.

"Coach Thennis always had an unquestionable will to win and approached the business at hand with an upbeat and optimistic style," 2001 Earl Tucker Award recipient Austin LeSage remembered. "He had great timing knowing when the team needed to be pushed and when to let the team take the reins."

Thennis' teams earned three "Andy Anderson Sportsmanship Awards" (2001, 2002, 2004). Dave was a two-time Legion AA Coach of the Year (2001, 2003) and the manager of the 2003 Montana/North Dakota All-Star team.

The 2001-03 Senators were the last Class AA Legion baseball team to three-peat.

"Coach T" was a real teacher of the game and believed in attention to detail and doing the small things right," former player, longtime assistant coach and current Senators head coach Jon Burnett said. "His players loved to compete, which is a direct reflection on his coaching style.

"The impact he had on the Helena community both on and off the field was truly amazing."

After retiring Thennis coached his oldest son Gavin's Small Fry football, and younger boy Kaden's youth football and baseball, adding five more titles to his resume'.

Sternhagen remembered how his Legion skipper taught the guys "that showing up for your teammates is just as important as winning," and showing up for yourself builds character.

"It wasn't always easy, but Dave designed it that way," said Sternie, who went on to play collegiately for MSU-Billings. "He purposefully instilled urgency in us so that we were never stagnant.

"These things have stuck with me through time, they're lessons that apply to life. I'll always be grateful that Dave took the time to teach all of us those lessons through baseball. Congratulations Coach T."

## Don MacIntyre Official

By Curt Synness

Don MacIntyre refereed his first basketball game in 1974, in the Helena High gym between Butte Central and HHS. Over the next five decades, Don worked 41 seasons of boys and girls prep hoops, for a combined total of 82 seasons of both genders of basketball in the local area.

He also regularly officiated playoff games before the MHSAA changed the format. In addition to Montana Officials Association sanctioned games, he worked many of the Home School/Christian School league games and State Tournaments over the years. Locally he volunteered for the State Special Olympics cage tournament and local youth tourneys, such as the Swish Tournament.

MacIntyre additionally spearheaded the introduction of the three-person basketball mechanics at the high school level for Region 11 (Lewis & Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson Counties.) Region 11 was one of, if not thee first, to fully implement the three-person mechanic in the state for basketball officials.

Don's three-person mechanics proposal for the Helena School District included privately funding part of the girls and boys basketball high school officiating budgets through grants and donations.

The purpose of this threefold proposal was to (A) afford better officiating coverage with three-person crews, (B) the retention of officials in a region where few high schools were located, and (C) to create more opportunities for officials where the number of officiating assignments were very limited.

The proposal allowed the school district time to work the cost of the third official into its budget. It's likely that the introduction of the three-person system in Region 11 was the model that expedited implementation of the mechanic throughout Montana.

Don also worked with the MHSAA to successfully lobby for legislation to protect officials in all sports from assault and physical harassment by fans, coaches and players. He authored and advocated the Helena basketball study club bylaws to clarify responsibilities of officials, evaluation of officials, and assignment protocol for officials, which established a peer evaluation committee, an education committee, and an assignment committee.

A novel component of the bylaws was the establishment of a scholarship stipend policy to help defray the cost for officials, specifically new officials, to attend basketball training camps.

MacIntyre frequently assisted and encour-



aged officials to elevate their level of officiating through training and study. As part of his encouragement, he would also reduce or diminish his personal work schedule over the years to allow less experienced colleagues to officiate high profile contests and to better posture themselves to receive a tournament selection.

His selfless approach was instrumental for several area hoops referees receiving tournament and playoff assignments that would likely have otherwise been offered to more experienced officials.

Don exemplified the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character. And he developed an excellent rapport with and was very well respected by high school coaches, players and fans over four decades and was a staple of officiating in the Helena area. He had an uncanny ability to communicate as well as listen, all the while giving back to the game he loved.

Don MacIntyre raced up and down the hardcourts for 40 years, keeping up with the kids, until hanging up his whistle after the 2014 Bengal-Maroons' game in the same place his career started...The Jungle.

"I worked some games with Don and he was one of the best," fellow official Gene McMahon said, "because he was in shape and consistent and one fine gentlemen. His Hall of Fame selection is very well-deserved."

## Earl Fred Golden Athlete

By Curt Synness

Question: What does former Helena Legion baseball player Earl Fred have in common with Hank Aaron, Pete Rose and Willie Mays?

Answer: They were all struck out by the great Sandy Koufax.

In 1956, when Earl played for the Loring (ME) Air Force Base in the All-Service Baseball Tournament in Wichita, the U.S. Navy brought in a ringer. Koufax, who was stationed on ship, was flown in to pitch in the tourney, and when his Navy team played Earl's AFB squad, our Marysville native whiffed in all three at-bats.

Earl had been the Helena Legion's shortstop from 1948-50, and batted .394 his final year, finishing runner-up in the club's batting race to Larry Anderson's .406. The speedy Fred, who batted cleanup most of the season, scored 24-runs and stole 18 bases in 20-games.

During the year he recorded four three-hit games, and one of his best efforts came in a 26-4 win over Anaconda, when the flashy shortstop went 3-for-5, scored 6 runs, and swiped 2 bases. Coach Bernard McGinley's charges compiled a 17-3 mark while qualifying for the State Tournament. They defeated Missoula 7-4 in the opening game, and finished third.

Earl was a two-year basketball letterman at HHS in 1950-51. He was a member of the legendary 1950 State runner-up "Swish Kids," and a starting 6-foot-0 guard for the 1951 group.

After graduating high school, Earl and legion teammates Anderson and Dick Muffick were given a tryout by the Chicago Cubs in Billings.

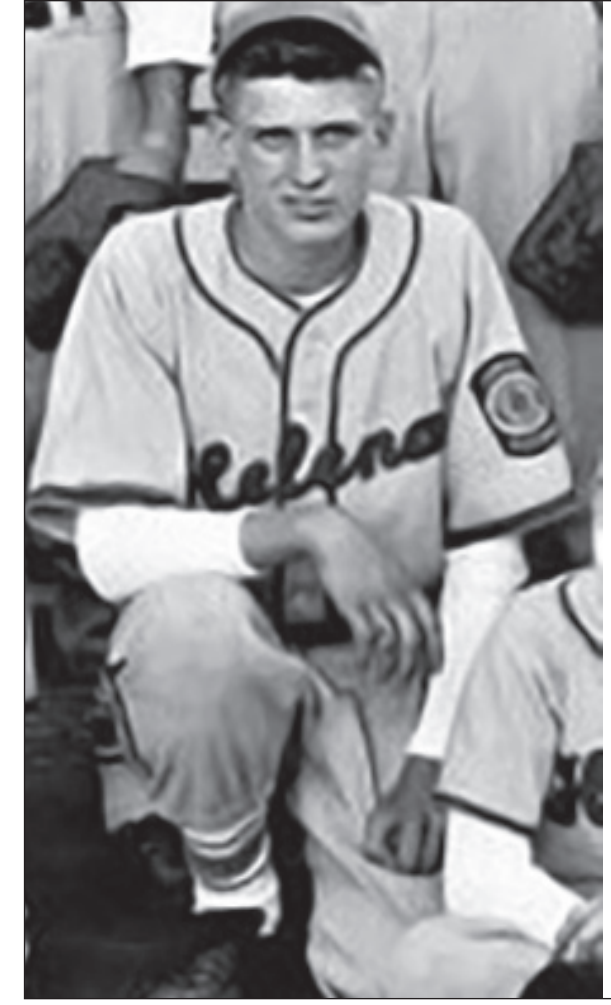
"I was offered a Class D (Class A today) minor league contract by Cubs scout Kes Rigler," Earl relates. "They had a farm team in California that I planned on trying out with. But after some consideration, my family and I decided I should get an education first, so I went to college instead."

Earl played baseball for Montana State University, serving as the Bobcats captain. With the Copper League's semi-pro East Helena Smelterites in the summer of 1953, he batted .312.

After his hitch in the USAF, and being part of the state of Maine's All-Service championship "Bombers" squad – his Airman teammate Earl Francis later pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates – he returned home and shortstopped for the Helena Wranglers. In 1958, Fred batted .302 and helped the club win the Copper League regular season, which set up a playoff with the Butte McQueen's.

Helena lost the first game in Butte, and then evened the series with an exciting 10-9 win at Memorial Legion Field. Earl joined teammates John Cloud, Tom Hanrahan and Arnie Pleasant, in collecting two base hits apiece.

In the third game, the Wranglers pulled off a close 8-7 triumph. Earl (three runs scored) and player/manager Bud Sautter led the offense with three hits each.



The Wranglers then clinched the double championship (league and playoffs) by winning the next game 5-4 at home behind the six-hit pitching of Sherm Platts, and Dave Bond's two RBIs. For the series, Earl went 6-for-13 at the plate for a .461 average.

In 1959, Earl Fred had one of his best seasons ever. He garnered the Copper League's batting championship with a lusty .404 mark; while also pacing the circuit with 40 hits, 34 runs and 11 stolen bases. He was second with 7 doubles, as well. The Wranglers again qualified for the league playoffs, but fell to the East Helena Smelterites (and minor leaguers Muffick and Terry Srenar) in five games.

Three-years later, Earl was part of another championship when he helped the Smelterites to the 1962 title. They defeated the regular season champs, Butte's South Side, 3-games-to-1. In the clincher at Smelterite Park, E.H. was down 2-0 going into the bottom of the sixth. Fred led off with a walk, and then his double-play partner – and future Country and Western singing star – Charley Pride "pasted the second pitch over the center field fence."

The Smelterites then cemented the title with a 4-2 victory, when Neil Dougherty laced a two-run homer. Undeclared hurler Ken Leland (6-0) fired a 4-hitter.

Earl played shortstop in the Copper League until it folded in 1965. Today he regrets not trying out with the Cubs when he had the chance, lamenting "I'll never know if I could've made it."

But then again, how many Helena Legion alumni have batted against Sandy Koufax?

## Thad Michalson Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness and Mike Burk



Thad Michalson, who swam for Capital High from 1989-92 and earned All-State citations all four years, ranks among the greatest male swimmers in local history. Thad holds several all-city records among HHS and CHS for boys and overall (boys & girls) MHSA State championships. He set three state records, one of which lasted over 20 years, and later garnered collegiate All-American status.

His all-city boys record of eight combined State titles (five individual, three relays) consist of three 50-yard freestyle crowns, one 100 freestyle, one 100 backstroke, and a 200 freestyle relay and two 200 medley relay championships.

Michalson is the only local, male or female, to capture four State championships in the same meet. In 1991, he won the 50 free, 100 back, 200 medley relay and 200 free relay.

He shares the city mark of a “triple double,” garnering three events in the same State Meet twice, with Tom Knapton (CHS, 1986-88). And his three state records erased Knapton’s mark of two; the 1992 medley relay (with Chad Fero, Mike McKinnon and Eric Milbrandt) in 1:40.98; the 1991 200 freestyle relay (with Milbrandt, Jeff Wadekamper and Marek Janout) in 1:32.29; and the 1992 50 freestyle in 21.35 seconds.

His 50 free time eclipsed his own 1991 state record of 21.46, and ranks among the longest standing marks in the annals of state MHSA swimming, having lasted 23 years before being broken in 2015.

Michalson also helped the Bruins to four State Meet team trophies; two runners-up in 1989 and ‘91, and a pair of thirds in 1990 and ‘92.

Thad shares the boys’ all-city record of five individual crowns, with Helena’s Karl Kingery (2005-07) and Garrett Krattiger (2022-24); and his 14 career All-State medals ranks No. 2 behind Kingery’s 15.

His school records that still stand 32 years later, include most State Meet medals; most individual, relays and combined State championships; and the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke races, and with the 200 medley and 200 free relays. The 400 freestyle relay mark was recently bested by the 2024 Bruins.

With the Helena Lions Swim Team, over his career in the various age-groups, he won State swim titles and set HLST records by the dozens.

Michalson also competed in track & field and football. As a frosh and sophomore trackster, he ran the 110 meter high hurdles and high jumped.

Among his highlights as a wide receiver for the 1991 Bruins’ varsity, were numerous catches from quarterback Jason Grovom, including a 24-yard touchdown strike, in a 30-0 win over Missoula Sentinel. With the junior varsity gridders, Thad caught multiple TD passes in a game several times.

He went on to become an All-American for Linfield College. In 1993, he placed fourth in the 50 freestyle (PR 21.23) at the NAIA Nationals, where he swam on the Wildcat’s 200 free relay as well and helped his team to a third-place finish.

“I had the good fortune to coach Thad when he swam for the HLST and Capital High School,” Bruce Dunkle wrote on the Helena Lions Swim’s Facebook site. “I’m so proud of him and his accomplishments, and a well-deserved induction into the Hall of Fame. As good of a swimmer as Thad was, he is even a better person, and Thad was a great swimmer.”



## Shane MacIntyre Contemporary Athlete

By Curt Synness and Bennett MacIntyre

After helping Capital High football to back-to-back undefeated State championships in 1999 and 2000, Shane MacIntyre went on to become one of the best linebackers in the modern era of the University of Montana, finishing in the top-10 on the program’s list for career tackles for loss.

“Shane was big, fast, strong, and played tough as nails,” Ty Emmert, CHS quarterback on those two title teams, told this reporter. “That, however, is the definition of every ‘linebacker.’ What separated MacIntyre from the others, and made him so difficult to play against, was how smart he was.”

A three-year gridiron letterman for the Bruins, Shane made honorable mention All-State at linebacker his junior year when the Bruins went 12-0 and beat Billings West 53-24 for the title.

As a senior co-captain, CHS went unbeaten again at 12-0, retaining its crown 36-7 over Kalispell, while tying the Class AA record of 24 consecutive victories. The 6’3”, 198-pound MacIntyre was selected the 2000 Western Conference co-defensive MVP, and first team All-State, at outside linebacker.

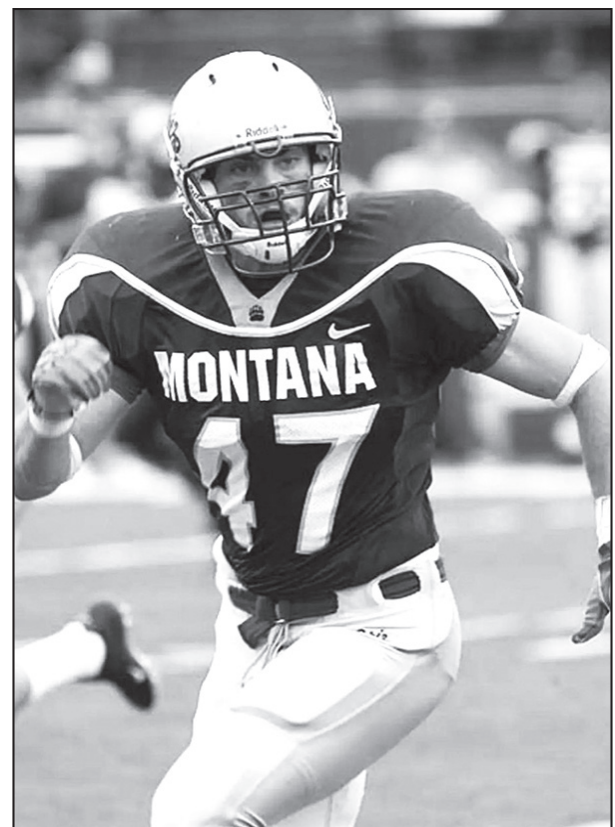
He left the program ranked No. 2 on CHS’ career tackles for loss chart, with 25. Shane played in the Montana-Dakota All-State and East-West Shrine Games, and was named co-defensive player of the Shrine Game.

“Shane was literally a coach on the field, and was playing chess when everybody else was playing checkers,” continued Emmert, himself the NAIA Player of the Year with Carroll College. “Not just X’s and O’s either. While he was as good as any coach with those, he also understood his team’s emotional balance and made a conscious effort to get everybody to play at the top of their potential – including the offense.”

In roundball, as a starting senior forward, he was CHS’ co-captain and a decent scorer, defender and rebounder. A versatile three-year letterman in track, MacIntyre’s best events were the 300 hurdles, shot put and pole vault. He finished with eight total letters.

With the Montana Grizzlies, Shane was a redshirt freshman and scout team standout on the 2001 National championship squad. In 2002, he earned the team’s “Big Block” award for his strong performances on special teams. Shane claimed the Moose Miller Award as a sophomore in 2003, for his superior performance on the field as well as in the classroom.

His junior year – when the Griz won the Big Sky Conference and went on to finish as 2004 National runners-up – MacIntyre spearheaded the defense, pacing the club with 46 solo tackles and 94 total tackles. He ranked No. 2 with 14 tackles for loss, as well. One of his highlights occurred when he blocked a game-tying field goal



versus Eastern Washington, helping UM hand the Eagles their only loss of the regular season.

The athletic 230-pounder was selected first team All-Big Sky and was a finalist for the league’s Defensive Player of the Year Award. He was also the UM recipient of the Montana Athletes in Service Award.

Shane was a 2005 pre-season all-American, a Griz co-captain, and was named to the National Lott Trophy watch list, which includes the top 42 defensive players in the nation. He was the only FCS player selected to the list that season.

A two-time All-Conference selectee, MacIntyre appeared in 50 games for the Griz during his time there, making 27 consecutive starts. He finished his career with 176 tackles, 7.5 sacks, 21.5 tackles for loss, 5 fumble recoveries, 3 forced fumbles, 2 interceptions and two blocked kicks.

MacIntyre capped off his career by earning the Tony Barbour team award as a UM player “who best exemplifies outstanding practice habits and makes unselfish contribution to the betterment” of the Griz football team.

“Shane played in the 2005 New Era Bowl in Japan, as well, with Japanese and American College players,” brother Bennett MacIntyre wrote. “Shane was featured in the NCAA Football video game by EA Sports as an impact player with image and likeness in 2005 for the Montana Grizzlies team.”

MacIntyre was a four-time All-Big Sky Conference Academic selection, in addition to earning an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American citation in District VII. In 2005, he claimed a Scholar Athlete Award for the Montana Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

“There will never be another Shane MacIntyre,” Ty Emmert opined, “...truly one of a kind.”

## Sheila Williams Coach

By Curt Synness

Beginning in the early 1990s and over the course of the next four decades, Sheila Williams served a combined 45 seasons of coaching girls’ sports at Helena High – 27 in track & field (10 assistant, 17 head coach) and 18 as head volleyball skipper.

“Sheila’s impact on her athletes has also occurred off the court and track as an educator at HHS for nearly three decades,” Amanda Barrett wrote in 2020. “She has served on the leadership team, as Department Chair for Social Studies, and has been active in curriculum development. She has also served as a facilitator of MHSA Aim Higher, a student leadership program aimed at making healthy choices.

“Sheila developed the curriculum and course for the Peer Mentor Class, an elective course aimed at preparing students interested in entering the Education field.”

As the Lady Bengal spikers head coach from 1994-2011, she directed her teams to well over 200 wins, with seven State Tournament qualifications. HHS garnered four Western AA championships, in 2001, 2008, 2009 (undefeated 12-0) and 2011. They were Conference runners-up in 2001 and 2010.

After placing fourth at State in 2008, her charges captured the program’s first AA volleyball championship in 2010, and finished the year at 24-3. Helena then successfully defended its crown in 2011, winding up at 26-4.

The Lady Bengals strung together a pair of winning streaks each of those championship seasons, of 15 (school record) and 14 matches, respectively. Over her last four years, from 2008-11, Williams’ spikers went 93-18 for an .830 winning percentage.

She was the first Montana VB coach to mentor three Gatorade Players of the Year in a row; daughters Kelsey in 2009 and Kyndal Williams in 2011, and Monica Grimsrud in 2010. Sheila earned the MCA Class AA Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2010 and ‘11, while directing the AA Volleyball All-Star games both years, as well.

When she retired after the 2011 season, Billings Senior coach Jeff Carroll, who owns a state record 12 AA titles, told this reporter that Williams’ departure would “be a huge loss” for Montana volleyball.

“Sheila is one of the nicest people in our sport,” Carroll said. “I’ve known her a lot of years, and she’s very dedicated to the game. She loved the sport and she loved the kids, and it was evident the way they responded to her.

“And if you’re going to leave, there’s no better time



than after back-to-back championships.”

Williams served as HHS’ assistant track coach for 10 years, which included a State championship in 2000 under skipper Linda Paull, before taking over the reins in 2003.

During her 17 seasons, the red-and-white tracksters garnered the 2011 Western AA crown, to go along with four Divisional runners-up and four third-place finishes.

From 2003-19, Helena’s Lady Bengals garnered nine top-5 finishes at the Class AA Track & Field Meets, including a pair of State trophies; third-place in 2011, and runner-up in 2013.

Twelve HHS athletes captured individual State titles with Williams at the helm, highlighted by three-time winner and AA record-holder Anna Brooks, in the javelin from 2004-06. Their double champions included Aimee Morrison in the discus in 2005-06, Terah Cundith in the pole vault in 2012-13, and in 2022 when Odessa Zentz claimed the 400 and 800 meter runs.

“Coach Will taught me how to push my limits mentally and physically,” recalled Jade (Roskam) Schmidt, who won the 2005 400 crown and finished her prep career with 11 All-State medals. “She saw more potential in me than I did and helped me to reach it.”

Amanda Barrett stated that Williams was “a coach that inspired dedication in those around her, instilled confidence in her athletes,” and had love and compassion for her players.

“Sheila Williams brings out the best in each individual and creates a team, and has a strong moral compass and great leadership skills,” Barrett wrote in 2020. “(With) infectious enthusiasm and drive, She has undoubtedly made a difference in the lives of her student athletes during her tenure at HHS, while forever leaving a footprint in the heart of many.”

# Paul Caruso

## Special Category

By Curt Synness and Bill Sprinkle

Paul Caruso has been intricately active in golf at the local, state, national and international levels since the 1980s.

He began his involvement with the USGA on the Green Section Committee in 1986, when the Open was played at Shinnecock Hills on Long Island. A committee member and personal friend, Ron Ree, invited Paul to volunteer as a locker room attendant.

His first national tournament as a rules official took place at the 1989 Senior Open.

Beginning in 1992 at Pebble Beach Golf Links, he served as a Rules official for 13 consecutive U.S. Open Championships. This entailed walking with an assigned playing group to assist in any rules situations that may arise during that round. Paul has also marshalled at the Masters.

He went on to serve as a rules official for 15 separate events including: US Amateur, US Junior Amateur, US Open, US Senior Open, US Women's Amateur, US Women's Open, Mid-Amateur Championship, and Curtis Cup and Walker Cup.

Caruso was influential in bringing the 1994 US Senior Open and US Amateur to the Treasure State. In 1996, he became the first Montanan to become an Executive Committee member of the USGA, which he served on for 10 years.

"The USGA conducts 13 separate national championships, providing the bulk of the volunteers, including the U.S. Open," Caruso told the IR in November, 1996. "We're in charge of the Rules of Golf and amateur status, we regulate handicapping throughout the U.S. and

we're heavily involved in turf-grass research finding better and more environmentally friendly ways to keep courses green."

At that point he listed his top experiences as refereeing for Arnold Palmer at Cherry Hills in the Open, and hosting two national events in Montana – the Publinox at Eagle Bend, Bigfork, and the Girls Amateur at Great Falls' Meadow Lark.

Paul served as the USGA treasurer in 2002-03 and vice-president in 2004-05. and chaired the Rules of Golf Committee for four years, as well.

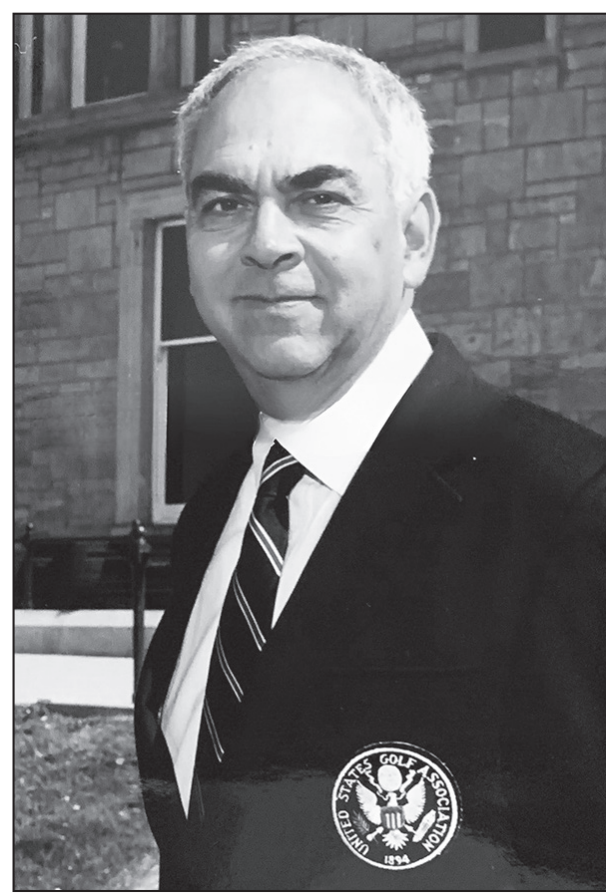
At that time, the Executive Committee directed the Association's professional staff and over 1400 volunteers serving on more than 30 committees. The IR reported that the USGA shared the responsibility for writing and interpreting the Rules of Golf with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, where Caruso would later garner the highest level of rating at their referees school.

He has served on 18 USGA committees including Montana's chairman of the Section Affairs, Equipment Standards, Green Section, Finance, Handicap, Intercollegiate (NCAA) Relations, Public Links Championship Committee Chairman, and delegate to International Golf Federation.

Caruso has served on the Masters and British Open Rules Committees, and as PGA rules official at the PGA championships. He's also been a rules official at the NCAA national championship, Montana State-Am and Mid-Am, and MHSAA State championship.

Among Paul's accolades are as a panelist with Golf Digest and Golf Magazine on America's 100 greatest courses, he's a Montana State Golf Association Hall of Fame inductee, and as the 1992 captain of the Montana Cup.

Locally he has served on the Green Meadow



CC Board of Directors and Green Committee chairman at GMCC, and has been a member of the City of Helena Golf Advisory Board.

Caruso has dedicated himself to golf education in several ways such as turf advisory visits to courses in the Pacific Northwest; speaking at Peaks to Prairies Superintendents Association and at USGA Green Section Conferences; and as instructor at PGA/USGA rules of golf workshops.

In 2016, after a decade away from the USGA, Paul Caruso was selected as the USA Team captain of the World Amateur Championships, in Cancun, Mexico.

## 1910s Helena High Basketball

By Curt Synness

The Helena High basketball teams of the 1910s were the state's first basketball dynasty, three-peating from 1914-16, and later adding the 1919 title, giving them four State championships in six years.

### 1914



Helena had placed third in each of the two previous years at State. During the 1914 season, Missoula County High (now Sentinel) had beaten the Bengals (previous known as the "Tigers") twice. But at the fourth-annual State Basketball Tournament in Bozeman, Coach Edwin "The Colonel" Thomas's cagers won their first crown with a 17-16 victory over the Spartans in the tourney finals. The reason for the low score back then, was mainly due to a jump ball being held after every basket while the clock continued to run.

Richey Newman was named the All-State center. Rounding out HHS' rosters were Frank Johnson, Charles "Dutch" Sherrer, Burgess, David "Puff" Rowand and Shelton Jones.

A crowd of 1,500 cheering fans met the champs at the Northern Pacific Depot, and coach Thomas told the crowd that HHS won because teammates "...observed the training rules, have not dissipated and to that I attribute our victory," according to the Daily Independent newspaper.

"Thomas also put the pressure on his returning players," local hoops aficionado Steve Brown once wrote, "by declaring that the Bengals 'must win again next year.'"

### 1915

The red-and-white retained its crown with a convincing 21-12 victory over the Spartans in a title rematch. Helena had to defeat Butte, Great Falls and Billings to get the chipper.

Their intense semi-final win over Billings, 20-17, was such a hard-fought battle that "...the captain of the (Broncs) collapsed and had to quit the floor." Four Bengals were selected All-Staters; Richie Newman, Frank Johnson, Burgess and Shelton Jones. Willston Cutler and David "Puff" Rowan were the other two players. Newman and Johnson went on to play basketball for the University of Montana.

"Helena's victory was deserved and is more remarkable because the team was unfortunate in being pitted against the strongest teams of the tournament," the paper reported, noting that HHS had lost to both Missoula and Great Falls during the year.

Apparently many of the so-called experts had referred the defending



champs 2014 victory as a "fluke." But The Independent opined that "better work has not been seen," and that Helena, both individually and collectively, was "crowned with the laurel" without objection.

"(These players) were true gentlemen throughout the season

which is more gratifying to me than winning the State championship," coach Thomas said, "for they have won a victory for themselves, which is far greater."

### 1916



Helena garnered the three-peat in 1917, beating Red Lodge in the opener and Billings in the semi's, prior to edging Big Timber 17-15 in the chipper. Jack Flannery scored the winning basket on a shot while lying flat on his back at the buzzer, and was mobbed on the court by teammates David Rowan, Warner Metlen, Harry Baxter, Julian Lee and Art Jorgenson.

"More than a thousand men, women and children welcomed back the Helena High basketball team, winners of the interscholastic championship, at the Northern Pacific Depot," according to the Daily Independent. "With the State Capitol Band, horns, cowbells, cheers and high school songs, the downtown streets last evening presented a stirring scene as the team members and coach were given a rousing reception for their splendid exhibition at the Bozeman Tournament."

Captain Rowan, who was the Bengals first four-year letterman, became the state's first cager to start on three State championship basketball teams. Over 100 years later, HHS Lady Bengal center Jamie Pickens joined that rarer fraternity, from 2017-19.

HHS posted a record of 40-8 for those three seasons. It would be another 36 years before another AA team would win three straight hoops championships, when...wait for it...Helena High turned trick from 1953-55.

### 1919

The 1919 State Basketball Tournament was cancelled due to the Spanish Flu pandemic. Helena High was closed from the first of September until December 30, after which coach Thomas "drilled the fellows hard and secured some of the best teams in the state to buck up against, and consequently they were in first class form" for the post season.

The Bengals went 10-2 prior to the cancelation of State in Bozeman because of how bad the epidemic was there, but a best of three series versus Miles City was determined by the Hawks' coach based on the top-two team's scoring averages.

Played in the Capital City, MC captured the first game, and then the hosts won the next one, 26-25, sparked by Sherman Smith's tiebreaking shot at 22-all.

Then Thomas Smith and Bill Prosser led HHS's 25-18 triumph in the rubber match, for their fourth title in six years. Prosser paced the 12-3 Bengals with 30 points in the playoffs. "Joe Mapes and Smith, players on last year's team, demonstrated that they had run up against good men before," according the Vigilante Yearbook, "while Prosser, Charles Rowan, John Fleming, DeKay and Arthur Weisner did excellent playing as well."

Fifteen years after Edwin "The Colonel" Thomas was inducted into the Helena Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, his boys will be joining their coach on the HSHOF display near The Carousel.



# 1999 Capital High Boys Track & Field

By Curt Synness

The defending State champion Bruin tracksters went undefeated, capturing the Swede Dahlberg and Skor-DeKam Invites, and Divisionals, before outsoring runner-up Helena High 100-79 at the 1999 Class AA Track & Field Meet, for back-to-back titles.

At the Western AA Meet in Butte, the Bruins edged runner-up Flathead by 5½ points, 132½—127. Workhorses Greg Carothers and Jake Eldridge both qualified in five events. Eldridge won the 400 meter run in a school-record 49.43 seconds, and helped the winning 400 relay (with Carothers, Pat Hoven and Tom Havron) to another CHS mark, getting the stick around in 42.78. Other Divisional champs were Kevin McCutcheon and Herb Ballou, in the long jump and 800, and the 1600 relay; while Carothers (300 hurdles) and Craig Van Nice (triple jump) placed runner-up.

Rounding out the State qualifiers were Rowdy Sargeson (1600, 800), Havron (100, 200), Jared Williams (800), Cory Steinmetz (pole vault), Ben Wilson (110 hurdles), Kurt Wolf (1600, 3200), Vance Twichell (3200) and Kyle Griffith (discus).

Ben Rush (3200), Jared Kuntz (110H) and Mike Krings (PV) each placed sixth and scored points, but did not make State.

The following weekend at Vigilante Stadium, Greg Carothers established three CHS records in spearheading the Bruins successful defense of their Class AA title. Carothers' 30½ State Meet points and the 300 hurdles crown (his second) with a clocking of 38.18, were both program marks. The Bruin junior trackster also ran the third leg of the winning 1600 relay (with Ty Emmert, Hoven and Eldridge) for a new Capital record of 3:21.78.

Carothers added a trio of runner-up medals, in the 200 and open 400, and

with the 400 relay crew as well, with Hoven, Havron and Eldridge.

Eldridge lowered the 400 record to 49.38 for his State title, and placed fourth in the 100. Other top finishers included runners-up McCutcheon in the long jump (21-8) and Van Nice in the triple jump (42-11½); while Havron in the 100 (11.33) and 1600 man Sargeson (4:20.50) each took third. Rowdy's time was a new metric school record.

The rest of the brown-and-gold's All-Staters were Wilson (110 hurdles), Steinmetz (vault), Wolf (3200, 1600), Ballou (800) and Havron (200).

"It was different this year," coach Tom Pedersen said, "we had this won at the end of the 200, so I actually got to relax and enjoy the 1600 (relay). "The secret is picking up points along the way, these kids are totally unselfish. (And) We also have a tremendous coaching staff."



# 1998 Capital High Boys Track & Field

By Curt Synness

The 1998 CHS boys tracksters captured the program's first-ever Divisional and State AA championships.

After finishing third at the Swede Dahlberg Invitational, the Bruins flexed their muscles with a dominating victory at the hometown Skor-DeKam Invite, piling up 139 points and nearly doubling runner-up Bozeman, at 75. And they did it without the services of sprint/hurdles ace Greg Carothers, who was sidelined with a quad injury.

At Vigilante Stadium for the Western AA Meet, CHS handily garnered the Division crown, compiling 147 points, ahead of Flathead and HHS, at 110 and 103, respectively.

The Bruins won three events – a healthy Carothers in the 300 hurdles, Kevin Downs in the triple jump and the 1600 relay unit – but they piled up points in the top-4 placings and qualified athletes in 16 events.

Those finishing runner-up were Keenan Blake in both hurdles, javelin thrower Nick Porrini, Tim Daem in the long jump, Dan Poole in the pole vault and 400-man Eldridge. Eldridge also qualified for State in the 100, 200 and 400 relay, along with Sargeson (1600, 3200), Pat Hoven (400), Carothers (400), Ben Wilson (300H), Downs (HJ), Kevin McCutcheon (LJ), Mars Maynard (800), Jared Williams (800), Herb Ballou (800), Derek Moran (PV), Bob Renaud (D) and Kurt Wolf (1600).

Top vaulter Corey Steinmetz broke his foot on his first attempt and had to miss State.

At State, the Bruins outdistanced runner-up Butte, 94-80 for the championship, behind Carothers' 300 hurdles title and his 19 meet points; 5 medals and 17½ points by Eldridge; and 11 top-3 event placings.

Carothers led a triumvirate of brown-and-gold placers in the long hurdles, clocking a 39.61, followed by Blake and Wilson, in third and sixth. He was part of the second-place 1600 relay with Craig Hutchison, Hoven and

Eldridge (3:24.60, CHS record), and took third in the 400.

Eldridge chipped in with a runner-up in the open 400 in 50.38, fourth in the 200, sixth in the 100, and helped the third-place

400 relay (with Blake, Hutchison and Hoven). Blake tallied 15½ counters, adding a second in the high hurdles, while Sargeson scored 14, finishing runner-up in the 1600 and third in the 3200.

Also placing third were long jumper Tim Daem and Kevin Downs in the triple jump. Rounding out the team's scorers were fourth-placers McCutcheon and Wolf in the long jump and 1600, and Herb Ballou (800) in fifth.

"I've been at Capital for 20 years, and this (championship) is for all the coaches since the beginning here, who had tough years getting kids out," coach Pedersen told the paper. "And it's also for 115 kids that came out this year...they all had a part in this."



# 1997 Helena High Girls Tennis

By Curt Synness

The 1997 HHS Lady Bengals netters own the school's only tennis championship. Coach Dave Fine's girls crew returned a pair of All-Staters from their third-place team from the previous year, in the persons of singles player Nellie Crowley, and Robyn Kiesling, who was half of the 1996 AA runner-up doubles unit.

In the Crosstown tilt, they displayed their depth with a 5-2 victory over Capital High. Helena came away with straight set wins in the No. 1 matches, by Nellie Crowley over Gwen Peterman, and Robyn Kiesling/ Erica Buswell over Rachel Buckley/Claire Dryer in doubles. The Lady Bengals lost only 9 of 45 games on the doubles side.

HHS continued its momentum at the prestigious Helena Invitational, placing at least third in each of the six brackets of play. Crowley "cruised through the competition" for the No. 1s title, besting Tondy Baumgartner (MS) in the chipper, 2-0. Kiesling and Buswell also walked away with the Invite crown, topping sisters Breeanne and Stacy Rust (Bozeman) in the doubles chipper.

Next the Lady Bengals captured their third successive Eastern Division title in Billings, qualifying seven players for State and winning both categories. Crowley garnered the singles over Casey Tolstead (BW), while the doubles tandem of Nicole Riebe/Amy Summerer defeated Kelsey Keen/ Megan Powers (Senior). Teammates Kim Leighton and Becky Summerer placed 3-4 in singles – their third set was played the following day back home – while the Robyn Kiesling/ Erica Buswell duo took third.

At the State Tournament in the Capital City, HHS rolled to the crown

over runner-up Bozeman by 9 points, led by Nellie Crowley's victory over Erin Stoik of CMR in the finals, 6-4, 6-1. "I was nervous, but not as much as I've been before," she told the IR after

completing an undefeated 22-0 season, "because I was confident."

Becky Summerer beat Capital's No. 1 player, Amber Lawrence twice, along with one of the pre-tourney favorites, Tony Bumgartner of Sentinel, to reach the conso finals, and finished fourth. Also scoring points for the team were Kim Leighton in singles, by garnering a pair of triumphs. And in doubles, Robyn Kiesling and Erica Buswell advanced to the semi-finals, while Amy Summerer and partner Nicole Riebe, who currently serves as HHS' head coach, won a match, as well.



# 2000 Capital High Football

By Curt Synness

The Bruin gridders went back-to-back with another perfect season, at 12-0, for Capital's sixth football championship.

Tom Havron, Capital's 5-foot-6, 140-pound senior wide receiver/punt returner, related that among his favorite memories that year was the atmosphere of the regular season crosstown game versus Helena High, which the Bruins won 34-27 to extend their winning streak to 19 straight.

"The stands were packed and we were both good teams," recalled Havron, with CHS at 6-0, while Helena was 4-2 and ranked No. 3. "We jumped out to a big lead only to see them crawl back in it. But then our defense held strong at the end to seal the win."

After routing HHS 41-3 in the playoff semi's in Xtown II, the brown-and-gold crushed Kalispell 36-7 to retain their title. In the two post season games, quarterback Ty Emmert passed for a combined four touchdowns – three to Jared Kuntz and one to Luke Bazacas.

Running back Donny Saisbury rushed for a total of 426 yards and five TDs in the post season, while Bazacas reached The House twice. Kicker Steve Honzel booted five PATs.

On the other side of the ball, the Bru-Crew's defense permitted a combined 488 total yards and 18 first downs, with five interceptions.

Coach Mark Samson's gridders' 24 straight victories tied the AA record of the Missoula Spartans from 1942-44, and CMR's Rustlers of 1989-90.

Emmert and linebacker Kyler Noel were selected the Class AA Offensive and Defensive MVPs. The Bruin QB completed 121 passes (59.9%) for 2352 yards, and 27 touchdowns. Noel finished with career totals of 54 tackle assists and 23 tackles for loss, both of which ranked No. 3 on CHS' lists.

Saisbury rang up no less than seven school records, including 1535 yards rushing, 21 rushing TDs, 226 yards in a playoff game, 2257 rushing/ receiving yards, 28 rushing/receiving TDs, 41.2 yards punting average, and

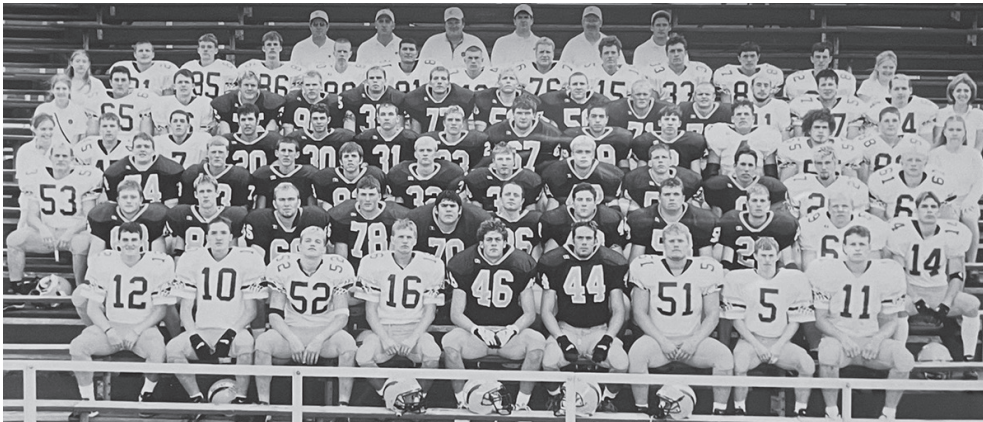
longest TD reception (91 yards, tie). Safety Robin Rocco set a season record of 12 pass breakups, and linebacker Shane MacIntyre left the program ranked second with 25 career tackles for loss.

Twelve Bruins were selected 2000 first team All-State, consisting of Emmert, Noel, MacIntyre, Saisbury, Rocco, tight end Lane Yetter, O-tackle Alex Browne, guard Dan Mazurek, center Craig Jones, defensive end Scott Wunderlich, interior lineman Sam Stanger and cornerback Matt Thomas.

Those making second team All-State were Havron, who posted 691 receiving yards and caught 9 TD passes (tying the CHS mark of 3 in a game), and set a Bruin career standard of 21.6 yards per catch; and Honzel, who left with career marks of 117 PATs and 10 field goals (tie).

Honorable Mention selections went to Kuntz, Bazacas, Gary Cooper, Tom Schulke, Kurt Sparing, A.J. Porinni and Jason Pepos.

"After we won it, we were all so happy, but so sad at the same time," Havron wrote. "I remember being at midfield hugging my mom and I broke down in tears. I knew it was my last football game but it was only real as soon as it was over."



# 1999 Capital High Football

By Curt Synness

The 1999 Bruins went an undefeated 12-0 on the way to capturing the program's fifth State title. In the regular season finale, CHS halted defending champion Billings West's 19-game win streak, helped in part by a "big sack" right before the half by defensive end Steve Rice.

Coach Mark Samson's Bruins beat CMR 35-14 in the playoff semi-finals, and then took the measure of the Bears 53-24 for the crown. In the chipper, after West scored first, the brown-and-gold reeled off five unanswered touchdowns.

Quarterback Ty Emmert fired four touchdown passes in the two post season games, two to wide receiver Kevin McCutcheon, and one each to Quinn Erwin and Tom Havron. S/LB/WR/KOR Greg Carothers, tallied three scores, via a 50-yard kick return, 1-yard plunge and a 55-yard pass to McCutcheon. Also reaching pay-dirt were running back Jack Eldridge (twice), cornerback Kyle Scarr on a fumble recovery, Lucas Canney on a Pick-Six and Jim Horne's plunge. Kicker Tom Honzel accounted for two field goals and 8 PATs.

The state's No. 1 defense – which allowed just 176 total yards per game (59 rushing) for the year – permitted just 78 yards combined on the ground in the two games, while intercepting four passes.

"We had a devastating defense," Rice recalled. "Our devotionals every Thursday, we were reminded to 'Pin your ears back' and play with wreckless abandon."

Emmert (123 completions, 62.4%, 2003 passing yards, 20



TDs) was selected the Western AA Offensive MVP. Defensive end Brandon "Otis" Milone (19 hurries; and CHS records of 18 tackles for loss and 13 sacks) and Greg Carothers (CHS mark of 4 game TFLs) were Conference co-Defensive MVPs. Carothers was named the State's Defensive MVP.

Kevin McCutcheon posted 46 receptions and 10 TDs, establishing a school-record 1017 receiving yards; while Kyle Scarr set team marks of 10 season interceptions and 4 game pass breakups.

Capital's 10 first team All-Staters consisted of Carothers, McCutcheon, Milone, Scarr, Rice, Eldridge (PR), Jesse Ahearn (O-tackle), Dan Mazurek (guard), Don Saisbury (P) and Kyler Noel (LB).

Those making the second team were Emmert, Honzel, Saisbury (RB/KOR), Eldridge (RB/CB), Quinn Erwin (TE) and Nick Kuntz (S). Honorable mentions went to Havron, Horne, Mark Robarts, Shane MacIntyre, Cullen Gilbreath and Nolan Slavan.

"Those were the funnest times of my life," Rice related. "One of my best memories is riding the bus next to Jesse Ahearn all four years."

# 2003 Helena Senators

By Curt Synness

The 2003 Senators swept all three major tournaments championships; Missoula's Memorial Day, their own Keith Sell Tournament and then the State Tourney for the Class AA three-peat.

At the Memorial Day event, Helena run-ruled the Mavericks 11-0 for the title, and in the Sell chipper at Kindrick Legion Field, the home team beat Sandpoint, Ida., 9-4, for the crown.

The Senators entered the State Tournament in the Capital City as the Eastern Division's No. 1 seed, with a 50-16 overall record and 16-7 in conference play. Having to regroup from the death of Miles City pitcher Brandon Patch from a batted ball at Kindrick Legion Field in late July, Helena started the tourney off with wins over the Great Falls Stallions 11-3 and Lethbridge 6-5, before being shaded by Missoula 5-4 in round 3.

Coach Dave Thennis' Nine then bounced back with victories over the Scarlets 16-7 and Spitz-Elks 6-5 to reach the chipper, with Quinn LeSage scattering nine hits in the semi's win over Lethbridge. Nick Harris and Jake "Rattler" Samuelson drove in the fifth and sixth runs to ensure a berth in the chipper.

In the finals vs. the Mavs, hurler Tanner Swanby fired a 4-hit 9-0 shutout, while Zeb McCall (double), Dana Driggs (2B, 2 RBIs), Kyle Larson, Harris (triple, RBI), Samuelson (2B, 2 RBIs) and Swanby all stroked a pair of base knocks apiece. "Rattler" claimed the tourney batting crown with a .440 average.

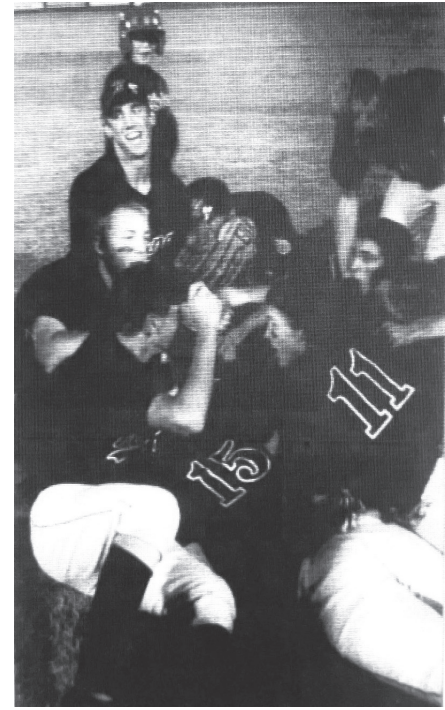
"We had our two horses today," skipper Dave Thennis said of having

LeSage and Swanby on the mound. "If someone was going to beat us it was going to have to be against our best two."

The Senators' pitching staff shared their six tournament victories, as Quinn and Tanner both won twice, with Harris and Nate Parker each winning once.

Leading the year-end stats were Swanby and LeSage, tying the team record for pitching wins, at 12-1 apiece, with respective ERAs of 2.50 and 1.99. Offensively, BJ Underkofler (.419, 88 hits, 22 doubles, 70 RBIs) and Quinn (.409, 98 hits, 7 homers, 24 doubles, 77 RBIs) paced a group of five players with 65-plus hits – ahead of Larson (79 hits, 80 runs, 38 steals), Samuelson (72 hits) and Harris (65 hits, .345 BA, 6 homers) – while the overall team registered a .336 batting average.

The Senators went 0-3 at Regionals in Whitefish to finish at 55-20. Since 1971, the 2001-03 Helena Senators are the only Class AA Legion team to three-peat in the last 52 years.



# 2002 Helena Senators

By Curt Synness

During the regular season, the Helena Senators won Missoula's Memorial Day Tournament title, and placed runner-up at the Keith Sell Tourney.

The defending Legion Baseball AA champion Senators entered the State Tourney in Missoula as the No. 4 seed, with a 35-25 overall record and 13-8 in conference play. Helena ripped off three straight victories to reach the semi-finals, beating Western champ Missoula 10-3, Kalispell 8-3 and the Billings Royals 10-0.

Helena then defeated the Scarlets 12-1 in the semi's to earn a berth in the Cat-bird seat, averaging 15 base hits per game in the first four contests and out-scoring their opposition 40-7.

Waiting in the chipper were the Eastern titlist Royals, who proceeded to shade the Capital City crew 3-2 and force a final contest.

Then Helena exploded for 21 hits with a decisive 13-3 rout for back-to-back titles, while improving to 40-26. Seth O'Connell (5-for-6) and Tanner Swanby (4-5) combined for 9 base raps, with O'Connell twirling a complete-game on the hill, scattering 10 hits and striking out 6.

"Our kids just picked it up a notched," coach Dave Thennis told the Missoulian. "We played probably our best baseball of the season when it really mattered."

O'Connell garnered a pair of MVP awards – Tourney MVP (with two pitching wins) and Offensive MVP (.577 BA, 15-for-26, 4 doubles).

The Senators then went 0-2 at regionals in Lewiston, Idaho, to finish at



40-28.

Pat Lindeman garnered the Earl Tucker Trophy, with a .405 batting average, and led the club with 92 hits and 67 runs, as well. Swanby was next at .398 and topped the squad in five offensive categories, including 7 homers, 19 doubles, 57 RBIs, .493 on base percentage and .678 slugging percentage.

The team batting average of .337 was third-best in program history, with seven other .300 hitters; O'Connell (.392), Kyle Larson (.366), BJ Underkofler (.342), Jake Samuelson (.331), Quinn LeSage (.322), Matt Spangler (.309) and Dana Driggs (.300).

Swanby led the pitching staff in wins (10-2), ERA (2.86) and strikeouts (69). O'Connell (7-8) and Underkofler (6-4) were next.

# 2001 Helena Senators

By Curt Synness

The 2001 Senators won the program's first State Legion Baseball championship in 33 years, and the first of their three consecutive titles.

Having placed third at the annual Keith Sell Tournament in early July, and upending the defending State champion Billings Scarlets 2½ weeks later, Helena entered the State AA Legion Tournament in Billings with a 42-26 record (17-7 conference) and riding a 7-game winning streak.

They then proceeded to beat Missoula 8-6, Laurel 7-4, Miles City 6-5 and the No. 1 seeded Scarlets 8-4 in the semi-finals to reach the chipper.

The Capital City crew then claimed their first State title since 1968, beating the Great Falls Stallions 7-4 in the finals. Tanner Swanby notched his second pitching victory of the tournament, going 8.2 innings while permitting seven hits and fanning six. Seth O'Connell relieved and got the last out. Chris Losett rapped three singles and scored twice, while Louis Corpas, who finished with a pair of RBIs and drilled a solo home run.

Swanby batted .500 over the five games and garnered the Tourney's MVP Award.

"After we beat the Scarlets earlier in the season, each day we got more and more confidence until we reached this point," coach Dave Thennis told the Billings Gazette afterwards.

The Senators ran their win streak to 13 games, with a 23-1 victory over Cheyenne (Wyo.) at the Northwest Regional Tournament in Sheridan, before losing the next two and bowing out.



Helena finished with an overall mark of 48-28 while posting a team batting average of .331, fourth highest in program history. Austin LeSage claimed the Earl Tucker Trophy as team batting champ, with a .456 average, second only to Clayton Linebarger's club record of .467 in 1958. LeSage led the squad in 11 offensive categories and broke four Senators' records, with 90 hits, 76 RBIs, 75 runs and 9 triples.

Rounding out their .300 hitters were Pat Lindeman (.387), Tanner Swanby (.367), Gary Cooper (.362), Kyle Larson (.326), Jake "Rattler" Samuelson (.314) and Louis Corpas (.304).

Corpas led the pitchers with a 9-4 mark, followed by Swanby (8-4) and O'Connell (7-5).